

SENATE BILL 1975
By Womack

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 3, relative to county and municipal veterans service offices.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-3-109, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) The county legislative bodies of the several counties of this state and the governing bodies of each municipal corporation in this state shall, jointly or severally, establish service offices for the purposes of advising veterans of all wars in which the United States participated, and their dependents, of all rights, privileges, immunities and benefits to which they may be entitled under any law, state or federal, and which may be available to them by private institutions, organizations or individuals and of assisting them in every way possible in obtaining such rights, immunities and benefits.

(b) In addition thereto, such service offices are expressly authorized, empowered and required to make studies and surveys of the probability and extent of local employment opportunities for which returning veterans may be available and to report the result of such surveys and studies to the bodies creating such service offices; and to aid and collaborate with any and all local bodies, either public or private, organized for the purpose of seeking local employment for returning veterans.

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(c) Such service offices may be established by joint contract of a county and a municipal corporation; of two (2) or more counties; or by contract between one (1) or more counties and one (1) or more municipalities or two (2) or more municipalities.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-3-110, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() Accredited county and municipal veterans' service officers and their administrative assistants shall receive compensation that is comparable to the compensation of certified county election registrars.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997, the public welfare requiring it.